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LOSS OF ROYAL OAK DOES NOT AFFECT MARGIN OF SECURITY IN HEAVY VESSELS: STATEMENT BY FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY



R.A.F. PILOTS, made prisoners of war after being forced down on German territory, seen at a camp near Hamburg.

"SERIOUS AS THIS LOSS IS, IT DOES NOT AFFECT THE MARGIN OF SECURITY IN HEAVY VESSELS WHICH REMAINS AMPLE," DECLARED MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHEN HE MADE A STATEMENT ON THE SINKING OF H.M.S. ROYAL OAK. SAYS A REUTER MESSAGE FROM LONDON.

IT WAS REVEALED BY MR. CHURCHILL THAT THE ROYAL OAK WAS SUNK WHILE AT ANCHOR BY A U-BOAT IN SCAPA FLOW AT 1.30 O'CLOCK ON SATURDAY MORNING.

The First Lord of the Admiralty added that it was still a matter for conjecture how the U-boat penetrated the harbour defences.

During the last War, said Mr. Churchill, this anchorage was found to be immune from such attacks and this entry by a U-boat must be considered as a remarkable exploit of professional skill and daring.

It appeared probable that the German submarine fired a salvo of torpedoes at the Royal Oak of which only one hit the bow. The muffled explosion was at the time attributed to internal causes.

Twenty minutes later, the U-boat fired three to four torpedoes and these, striking in quick succession, caused the ship to capsize and sink.

The Royal Oak was lying at the extreme end of the harbour and, therefore, many officers and men were drowned before rescue could be organised.

The list of survivors was already made public and Mr. Churchill deeply regretted to inform the House that upwards of 800 officers and men lost their lives.

Continuing, the First Lord said: "The Admiralty immediately announced the loss of this fine ship. Meanwhile an intensive search in the anchorage has not yielded any results. It is clear, however, that after a certain time, the harbour can be pronounced clear as any U-boat would have to rise to the surface for air or perish."

"Necessary measures are being taken to increase precautions which in the late War proved effective."

WARFARE INTENSIFIED

Towards the end of last week U-boat warfare which had for a fortnight been mainly directed upon neutrals became again intensified, added Mr. Churchill.

Four ships, including two French steamers, were sunk upon the western approaches during Saturday and Sunday and three others were attacked but made their escape.

British ships sunk aggregate 13,000 tons.

On the other hand, it should not be supposed that all losses were upon one side.

The Admiralty has hitherto refrained from giving figures of the slaughter of U-boats which has been, and still is, proceeding with increasing severity.

On Friday last, for instance, four U-boats were certainly destroyed, including two of the largest and latest ocean-going U-boats of the German Navy. Nothing like this rate of destruction was attained at any moment in the last War.

"During the last week for which I can give figures, that is to say, to the end of the sixth week of the war, seven U-boats were sunk," continued the First Lord of the Admiralty.

"We may estimate that during the whole of the six weeks 13 U-boats have been sunk and five seriously damaged, possibly sunk, and several others damaged. These figures are probably an understatement. "Besides this, two-thirds of the U-boats which have been out raiding have suffered attack from depth charges. The French Navy is also active and has certainly taken its toll."

"We believe, therefore, that out of about 60 U-boats ready for action at the beginning of the war about one-third has already been sunk or seriously damaged and of the largest and latest ocean-going U-boats the proportion is, at least, one-fifth."

140 FASCISTS ARRESTED

BUDAPEST, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—It is reported that 140 members of the illegal Fascist Party have been arrested. The leader fled to Vienna. When police searched the headquarters of the organization they found a number of hand-grenades and revolvers.

tempts to break through the Chinese cordon by driving towards Kiangling. They have been repulsed on each occasion with casualties.

Heavy artillery fire was audible from the eastern outskirts of Shensi, north-west of Pukien, yesterday morning indicating severe fighting there.

JAPANESE RETREAT

In south-west Shansi, a strong Chinese force pushed towards Hotsin, on the Yellow River bank, a

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MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL

Autograph Draft Of Haig's Famous Order Of April 11, 1918

LONDON, Oct. 17 (BWS).—By a request of the late Sir Philip Sassoon, the British Museum, which already possesses Lord Haig's map of the Western Front on Sept. 25, 1918, has now acquired another striking memento of the Great War. It is Haig's autograph draft of his famous "back to the wall" order of April 11, 1918.

This document, issued at a moment of extreme national danger from the enemy which Britain is again facing to-day, is written in a firm hand in five paragraphs of exhortation to all ranks of the British forces in France.

Its concluding passage is, "Every position must be held to the last man. There must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall, and believing in the justice of our cause, each one of you must fight on to the end. The safety of our homes and freedom of mankind alike depend upon the conduct of each one of you at this critical moment."

ARMISTICE DAY AS USUAL IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has issued a proclamation declaring that Nov. 11 will be observed as usual in the United States as Armistice Day.

Tremendous Japanese Loss At Hankow

CHUNGKING, Oct. 17 (Central).—Foreign circles to-day received information from Hankow stating that the extent of damage inflicted by the Chinese air raid on Hankow on Oct. 14 was far greater than was generally believed.

The total Japanese loss, it is stated, included more than 50 grounded machines, three scores of motor trucks, several hundred cases of petrol and three ambulances. The entire munitions magazine at the Hankow Japanese aerodrome was blown up, while 80 Japanese airmen and 20 soldiers were killed.

One estimate placed the total material loss at over \$30,000,000.

SWISS NAVY INCREASE

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—Sweden has decided to build four destroyers and 21 minesweepers instead of two cruisers as originally planned. It is stated that \$750,000 will be spent in the next year on the air force.

HEARTY RESPONSE BY CHINESE TO FUNDS DRIVE FOR BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION

China In Full Sympathy With Britain, France

On the invitation of the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, and Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, no less than 150 representatives of various Chinese organisations met at the China Merchants' Club yesterday afternoon to discuss means of raising funds for the British War Organisation.

Sir Robert Kotewall, chairman said that Britain and France, like China, were fighting for liberty and peace and because of this all Chinese, whether resident here or in China, were sympathetic with the aims of Britain and France and wished them victory.

"We must also remember," continued Sir Robert, "that for nearly a century the Chinese in Hongkong have enjoyed peace and security under an ordered Government and through the co-operation of British and Chinese capital efforts, Hongkong has attained its present commercial position. There is, however, one thing which the Chinese should not forget—it is the sympathy and help which China has received from the whole British Empire since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities—such help is too numerous to mention."

"Take, for instance, one organisation in Hongkong, the Hongkong Branch of the British Fund of the Relief of Distress in China which alone has collected half-a-million dollars for the relief of distress in China and the assistance of refugees in Hongkong. The establishment of this Branch was suggested by His Excellency the Governor himself, who not only donated subscriptions himself but has at all times given the committee his guidance and advice."

CHANGED CONDITION

"Many other organisations, instituted in Hongkong in aid of Chinese distress, are still at work in spite of the change condition here. I need only mention one organisation as a good example, I refer to the Hongkong Branch of the International Medical Relief Association, Continued on Page 7

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EASTERN TRAINING IN EARNEST FOR DOUBLE FOOTBALL HONOURS: MATCH AGAINST S. CHINA "A" ON SUNDAY IS EAGERLY AWAITED

BY "ACHILLES"

I believe it was no less an authority than Stan Matthews, the famous Stoke City and All-England outside right, who once likened the game of football to a good footballer. He said it never produces the obvious or expected. Football history all over the world reminds us time and again that the success of a football team cannot be indefinite.



Tham Joe Tak, new centre-forward for Eastern and a valuable acquisition. He recently came from Haiphong and was formerly in the Canton Navy.

Yet, the South China Athletic Association of Hongkong has defied all the laws of playing success, and still maintain their unbeaten record.

In local soccer circles it is accepted as a foregone conclusion that this indomitable team will evolve champions of the League as they have done repeatedly for so many years in the past. Can no other club in Hongkong stop them?

This year Eastern has taken up the challenge in real earnest. It will be recalled that Eastern

lost to South China in the first round of the League and won in the second last year. Both games were closely contested and although Eastern were defeated 6-1 in the semi-final of the Shield, they attribute this to circumstances which were out of their control on that occasion.

DESPERATE BID

This year, Eastern is making a desperate bid not only for league honours and the Shield, but also for the unique distinction of the strongest football team in the Far East to-day. Such healthy competition between two teams of the Chinese Football Federation is to be encouraged. It speaks for the right spirit of sportsmanship prevailing here and should add considerably to interest in the new season which looms ahead.

It is true South China, having secured the services of Soong Ling Sing, Eastern's left half-back last year, and a formidable acquisition to any team, may be considered even better and stronger than last year. They still maintain their training camp where most of the players live, and where every morning with regular precision they go through the rigorous training which stands them in such good stead when it comes to pitting their skill with the ball against an opposing team.

TRAINING CAMP

But Eastern is doing likewise this year. They also have established a special training camp near the race course where the team goes through vigorous training every morning in the essentials of the game under expert coaching. This is the first time on record that Eastern has taken soccer efforts with such serious enthusiasm, and those who watched them at play against St. Joseph's at Caroline Hill on Sunday last must have noticed a marked all-round improvement in their teamwork and play.

If they play equally fast next Sunday and if their passing has the same precision, then they should give South China the strongest opposition the latter have ever had.

Careful training and expert handling have brought South China to their present enviable position. When Eastern meets South China "A" at Caroline Hill next Sunday afternoon, Hongkong football fans will have an opportunity of seeing one of the most interesting games of the season, and an exceptionally high standard of soccer is promised.

SEVERAL CHANGES

There are several changes in the Eastern team this season. They have an entirely new forward line except for Hau Ching-to.

Every man in the Eastern team is determined on one point, to be champions this season. What chances they have of achieving their object will be indicated in their play next Sunday.

South China, on the other hand, have many experienced players and experience is almost as im-

Inter-School Swimming Sports Heats

KEEN COMPETITION BY NINE SCHOOLS

The heats of the Inter-School Swimming Sports were held at the Victoria Recreation Club Pool yesterday, nine schools competing. St. Joseph's College and King's College secured the best representation in the final, each qualifying eight individual places and two relay teams.

Wah Yan College did even better in qualifying 10 individual places, but qualified only their medley relay team. However, Wah Yan will be represented in eight of the ten finals on Friday, King's only in seven, but St. Joseph's in nine. An interesting three-cornered fight for the aggregate championship should ensue.

THE FINALISTS

The finalists are:
50 Yards Free Style: Fung Wai-chung (King's), Lau Cheuk-wing (King's), Donald Young (St. Joseph's), Ng Kam-yun (Wah Yan), and Wong Hok-wan (Wah Yan).

100 Yards Free Style: W. G. Pryde (Central British), Francis Chan (Wah Yan), Tan Tjong-thian (St. Stephen's), John Tai (Wah Yan), and Yee Tun-lun (St. Joseph's).

200 Yards Free Style: D. Young (St. Joseph's), J. Gomes (La Salle), Chan Yee-fong (Wah Yan), and Ng Chiu-man (Queen's).

50 Yards Back Stroke: Ronald Ho (St. Joseph's), Fong Cheuk-wah (Wah Yan), W. G. Pryde (Central British), A. Lopes (La Salle), and Ip Tin-yu (St. Stephen's).

100 Yards Back Stroke: Fong Cheuk-wah (Wah Yan), F. A. Noronha (St. Joseph's), A. Lopes (La Salle), Fung Fel-wan (King's), (St. Joseph's) J. Gomes (La Salle), and Peter Rue (St. Joseph's).

50 Yards Breast Stroke: So Kwong-wing (Wah Yan), Ng Kam-yuen (Wah Yan), Lau Cheuk-wing (King's), Fung Wai-chung (King's), and M. Ng (La Salle).

100 Yards Breast Stroke: Fung Wai-chung (King's), Lau Cheuk-wing (King's), Donald Young (St. Joseph's), Ng Kam-yun (Wah Yan), Wong Hok-wan (Wah Yan), and M. Ng (La Salle).

Diving: Koo Ka-kui (Wah Yan), Donald Young (St. Joseph's), G. Saunders (Central British), Wong King-wun (Wah Yan), N. G. Marques (La Salle), Fung Hon-poh (St. Paul's), Li Wing-hung (King's), and W. G. Pryde (Central British).

150 Yards Medley Relay: St. Joseph's College, King's College, La Salle College, and Wah Yan College.

200 Yards free Style Relay: St. Joseph's College, Central British School, King's College, La Salle College, and St. Stephen's College.

portant as skill for success in first class football. As a team they are known to shine most brilliantly when up against strong opposition. With Eastern out to do their best, that expert combination and unerring teamwork which has made South China "tops" will be seen to advantage when the two "giants" of the local League meet.

COLONY AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Play in the Amateur Championship of the Golf Clubs of the Colony will commence on the old and new courses of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club on Sunday next, Oct. 22.

The following are the starting times:—

Old Course		New Course	
9.15 a.m.	D. Humphreys	& T. Lamb	1.00 p.m.
9.20	J. B. Mackie	& A. J. Dennis	1.05
9.25	J. T. Smith	& J. J. Baste	1.10
9.30	A. E. Lissaman	& A. W. Ramsey	1.15
9.35	L. Goldman	& W. Ahern	1.20
9.40	S. H. Dodwell	& A. A. Lopes	1.25
New Course		Old Course	
9.15 a.m.	A. Tomlinson	& M. G. Marriott	1.00 p.m.
9.20	K. S. Robertson	& E. Churn	1.05
9.25	F. D. Hunter	& G. M. Park	1.10
9.30	Major Johnstone	& W. C. Simpson	1.15
9.35	T. A. Pearce	& A. E. Davis	1.20
9.40	D. S. Edward	& F. E. A. Remedios	1.25

RECORD SCORES AT BOWLING ALLEYS

CHAMPS BEAT U.S.S. TULSA

Two of the highest ever registered in the Hongkong Bowling Alleys were made on Monday evening in the fourth game of a match between the U.S.S. Tulsa and the champs.

Michaelis of the Tulsa scored 254 and Chas. Miller, for the Champs, scored 248 in this game.

CHAMPS WIN

The Champs, with a total score of 3,224, beat the Tulsa team, who scored 3,119, by 105 points.

The match was watched by a large crowd who had also turned up for the "Knighting Ceremony" which was held the same evening.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TU-DAY

BADMINTON.—Y.M.C.A. Badminton, in the West Lounge, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Cathedral Hall Badminton, 8 p.m.

RUGBY.—Final Club trial (Happy Valley), 5 p.m.

SHOOTING.—Hongkong Rifle Association's Weekly Spoon & Practice Shoot, 1.45 p.m.

TO-MORROW

SWIMMING.—V.R.C. Annual Harbour Race, 5.15 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

BADMINTON.—Y.M.C.A. Badminton, in the West Lounge, 8.30 p.m.

MEETINGS.—Executive of Hongkong Badminton Association, 5.30 p.m.

SWIMMING.—Annual Inter-School Swimming Sports, at

St. Andrew's Beat Signals At Hockey

FIRST APPEARANCE SINCE 1937

For the first time since 1937, St. Andrew's Club yesterday fielded a hockey team at King's Park, their opponents being the Royal Corps of Signals who, finding the Saints as formidable as ever, were defeated 5-2.

St. Andrew's led 3-2 at half-time, and managed to keep up a spirited attack throughout that was especially formidable on the flank. Charlie Wong, at centre-forward, was one of the regular members of the old St. Andrew's Club hockey team on view, and he scored three of the goals.

J. R. Wall, at left-wing, was responsible for the other two goals scored by his side.

Miss Betty Longbottom, called in to play at inside-left as the team was one man short, proved more than equal to the occasion, worked hard, and cleared and tackled with precision.

The game was organised by J. Tomlinson, who played a good game in the intermediate line yesterday, and another member of the old St. Andrew's team who put in an appearance was Pat White, who played in a full-back berth.

The Signals scored through Lewis, who played at centre-half, and again through Shepherd, who was at inside-right.

V.R.C. 2 p.m.: Y.M.C.A. Mixed Swimming 6 p.m.



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The first Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member. such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock Noon.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Telephone 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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REFORM OF THE MINISTRY
OF INFORMATION

LONDON, Sept. 30 (By Air Mail)—Any reform of the Ministry of Information will not be satisfactory that does not secure a reader and ampler service of war news.

The Ministry is absurdly over-staffed and carries far too many official "passengers" who are a hindrance rather than a help to the trained journalists in the news department.

It is believed that Lord Macmillan's investigations have already led him to the conclusion that considerable reductions of staff are possible, and it is understood that the question is now under consideration whether better results would be achieved by decentralising again much of the work that was centralised in the Ministry when the war broke out.

IN PEACE-TIME

In peace-time the Service Departments, the Foreign Office, the Home Office, and other Ministries had officers through whom the Press could obtain information, and these officers have been transferred to the Ministry. The Foreign Press and the British Press Committee in attendance at the Ministry have memorialised the Prime Minister against a policy of decentralisation which they consider

would be inconvenient under war-time conditions, more particularly as the censorship and telephonic communications would continue to be centralised at the Ministry.

The Press Committee express the fear that under decentralisation the difficulty of obtaining news from the Departments might be still greater.

ROOT OF TROUBLE

The root of the present trouble is the strangle-hold on news exercised by some of the Departments. Mr. Chamberlain has stated that the function of the Minister of Information has been simply to issue from a central source whatever news had been made available by the other Departments.

It is unfair to blame the Minister for the paucity of news. The fault lies with the Service Departments, who do not appear to realise not only the value of but the urgent necessity for as much publicity as possible.

NEWS WITHHELD

Too often has it appeared that they have withheld news until the publication of inaccurate and misleading reports in the German Press has forced them to issue a reply stating the real facts. Until pressure is brought to bear on these Departments to make them more communicative, no great improvement in the flow of news can be expected. At present not only are the public being largely kept in the dark, but neutral nations are being misled as to the part that Britain is playing in the war.

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WAR OFFICE, SEPT. 29
REGULAR ARMY

Maj. and Lt.-Col. A. W. Sproull, B.Sc. MIMC, AMLEE, from R.E. to be Lt.-Col. on the empl. list (June 15).

COMMANDS AND STAFF

The following appointments are made:—Maj. Gen. F. W. Barron, C.B.E. R.A.O. to be Insp. (Sept. 1); Maj. J. W. Lugard, King's Own R. from Asst. Supt. (temp.) to be Dep. Asst. Dir. of Art. (Aug. 34).

ROYAL ARMOURD CORPS

11th H.—Lt.-Col. J. W. S. Galbraith, on completion of his period of serv. in comd. is removed from the regimental list and remains on full pay (Sept. 29); Maj. J. P. B. Combe to be Lt.-Col. (Sept. 30).

18th/6th L.—Lt. G. H. Hingworth to be Adj. vice Capt. J. N. R. Loveday (Sept. 30).

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

Capt. A. F. B. Powell, from Ind. Army, to be Capt. (Sept. 30), with seny. as Lt. Feb. 1, 1935, and as Capt. Jan. 31, 1936, with regtl. precedence next below Capt. A. W. Woodroffe.

Temporary Short Service Commission—Lt. H. W. J. Winn, from R.A., T.A., is granted a temp. short serv. commn. as Lt. (July 27); Sec. Lt. E. H. Cook, from R.A., T.A., is granted a temp. short serv. commn. as Sec. Lt. (July 31).

The follg. are granted temp. short serv. commns. as Lt. (Qr.-Mr.):—T. E. Dapford (Aug. 24); M. A. O'Halloran (Aug. 31); Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) R. S. Sanderson, from R.A., T.A. (Sept. 2); T. J. Fry (Sept. 2); H. E. Fletcher, M.B.E. (Sept. 2).

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS

Maj. F. C. Noakes, M.C., is placed on the R.p. list on account of ill-health (Sept. 11).

FOOT GUARDS

W. Gds.—Capt. Sir William V. Makins, Bt., is resd. to the estab. (July 29).

INFANTRY

King's Own R.—Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) H. Lindsay, M.M., to be Maj. (Qr.-Mr.) (Sept. 30).

Somerset L.I.—Capt. L. H. Bradshaw is secd. (July 17).

Y. and L.R.—Lt. R. M. Grees is resd. to the estab. (Aug. 30).

ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS
Sec. Lt. V. T. Champion de Crespigny to be Adj. (Aug. 28).

ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE
CORPS
Capt. L. D. Ozzard-Low, S. Lan. R., to be O.O. 4th Cl. (on prob.) (Aug. 10); Lt. G. C. H. Wortham, D.W.R., to be O.O. 4th Cl. (on prob.) (May 1), with precedence next below Capt. J. R. Walker, Y. and L.R.

THE ARMY DENTAL CORPS
Temporary Commission—To be Lts. (Sept. 4):—H. E. Howell, G. Fryer.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE
The follg. resign their appts. (Sept. 9):—Sister Miss A. E. Nichol, Sister Miss A. M. Powis.

MEMORANDA
Lt. B. I. James (late Wore. R.) relinquishes the rank of Lt. on enlistment into the ranks of the T. A. (April 27); G. W. Wheeler (late Lt. R.O.Y.L.) on completion of a period of serv. in the ranks is granted the rank of Lt. (Sept. 2).

REPORTS ABOUT
CHEN MING-SHU
DENIED

CHUNGKING, Oct. 17 (Central)—Japanese reports that Gen. Chen Ming-shu, former Commander-in-Chief of the famous 18th Route Army and now Chairman of the People's Foreign Relations Association, had left Chungking to join Wang Ching-wei's "peace movement" were denied by Mr. Hsieh Jen-tso, responsible officer of the Association, in an interview. Mr. Hsieh stated that Gen. Chen attended the memorial service for the late Mr. Wang Li-shih, well-known Chinese writer, here on October 8 when the Japanese circulated the reports.

NEWSETTES

A circular telegram denouncing Wang Ching-wei was issued by the Suiyuan Mongolian Political Council following a two-day conference ending on Oct. 11. Many Mongolian notables, including Prince Sha, Prince Yush, Prince Kang and Prince Tu, participated in the conference.

The Kwangtung Provincial Government is sending Mr. Chien Shu-fen to express gratitude to the Governors of Hongkong and Macao for the relief extended to Chinese refugees since the fall of Canton.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who assumed his concurrent post of Governor of Szechwan last week, has issued strict orders to eradicate the opium evil in the province. Government troops are stationed at various places to assist in the suppression of opium trafficking by armed gangs.

Mr. Lo Ching-tao, member of the Central Executive Committee, returned to Chungking from Shanghai last week. While in Shanghai on special mission by order of the Central Government, Mr. Lo was approached by the puppet authorities to join their fold. He steadfastly refused their overtures and managed to return to Chungking via Hongkong. (Central News).



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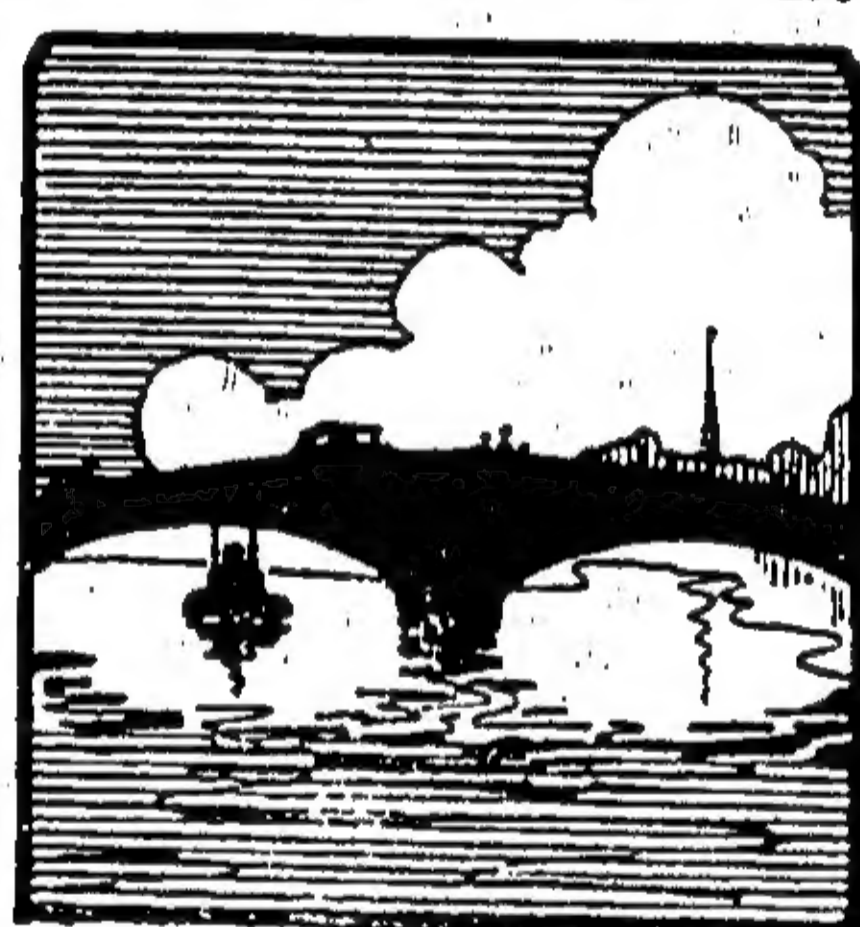
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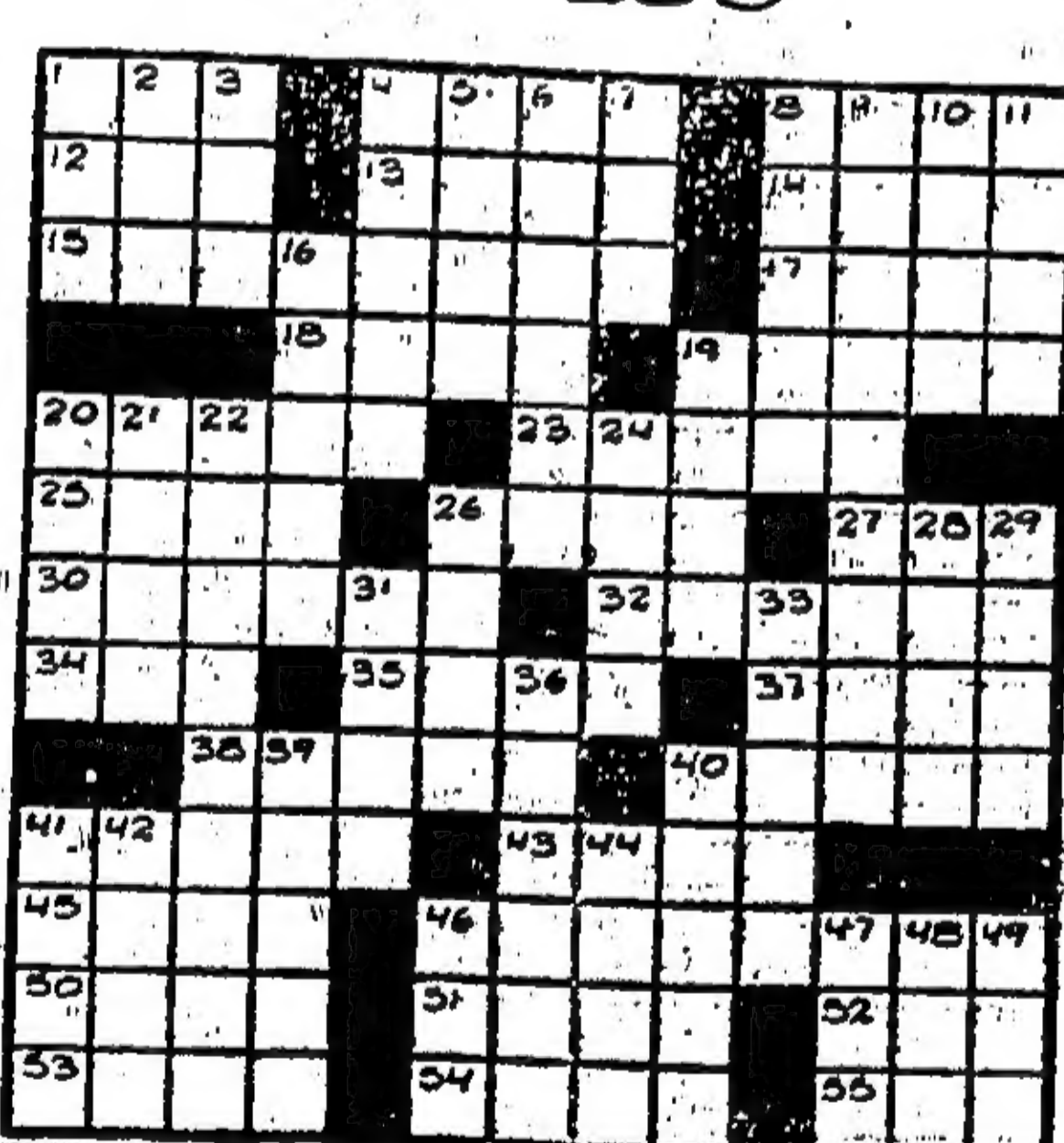


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- 17 Dumb.
- 18 Given for temporary use.
- 19 Married.
- 20 Theme.
- 23 Build.
- 25 Member of European race.
- 26 Malay canoe.
- 27 Night.
- 28 before a holiday.
- 30 Assert.
- 32 Gaze.
- 34 Smart blow.
- 35 Stout cord.
- 37 End of the head of a hammer.
- 38 Satire.
- 40 Priest.
- 41 Kneel in homage.
- 43 God of thunder.
- 45 Inland sea of Russia.
- 48 Number.
- 50 Tardy.
- 51 Jeer.
- 52 Meadow.
- 53 Certain days in the Roman



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- 2 Grow old.
- 3 Japanese family badge.
- 4 Mediteranean vessel.
- 5 Ireland.
- 6 Acid.
- 7 Utilize.
- 8 Shrub.
- 9 Not spoken.
- 10 Choice.
- 11 Coloured.
- 16 Tree.
- 19 Food.
- 20 Former Russian ruler.
- 21 Bulging earthen jar.
- 22 Flutter.
- 24 Flower.
- 26 Latin-American labourer.
- 28 Shift.
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- 31 Mature.
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- 36 Snake.
- 39 Actors' parts.
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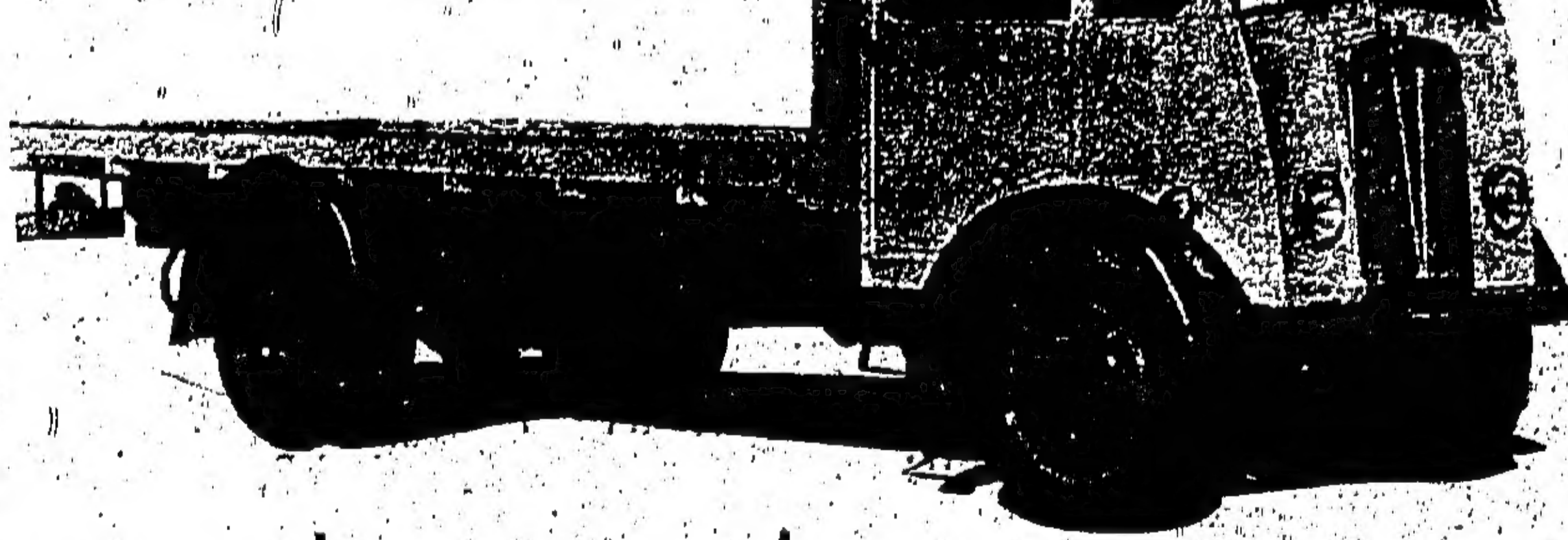
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PRISON & GAOL FOR IMPERSONATING POLICE OFFICER

Appearing on remand before Mr. R. Edwards, at the Central Court yesterday, charged with the theft of \$88 in Canadian currency and impersonating a police officer on October 7, Marquis Ablong, aged 19, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and a fine of \$100, or a further month's imprisonment. Sentences to run consecutively.

The defendant was alleged to have impersonated a police and gone into room No. 11, of the Man On Boarding House, where he victimised the occupant of the room, Tong Fung. An empty revolver holster was found in his possession when he was arrested. It was stated that the defendant had a previous conviction against him some two years ago.

DINNER DANCES AT LIDO DISCONTINUED

The management of the Lido advises that the usual Dinner Dances at that establishment will be discontinued as from Wednesday, Oct. 18 until further notice.

ROUND THE WORLD IN 18 DAYS

ENTHRALLING TALK BY DR. ARTHUR WOO TO HONGKONG ROTARIANS

BRITISH SYMPATHY FOR CHINA

Striking examples of the manner in which the general public in Britain expresses its great sympathy for the Chinese people in their fight against aggression were quoted by Dr. Arthur Woo, in his address to the Hongkong Rotary Club at the weekly tiffin yesterday.

"Where ever I went in England, I found the greatest sympathy for the Chinese people," Dr. Woo said. "As an example of this attitude, I found one widow of moderate means spending all her time on behalf of China War Relief. Much money and medical supplies were sent away through her great efforts. I was told of another who gave up all her savings for China Relief Organisations and still another who gave up her Summer holiday in order to help Chinese war orphans."

Dr. Woo, Vice-President of the Club, occupied the chair during the tiffin. He then called upon Rotarian Major R. D. Walker to take the chair, before delivering his address.

Dr. Woo spoke of his journey round the world, mainly by air. His talk was entitled "Round the World in 18 Days" and was extremely interesting and instructive.

DR. WOO'S ADDRESS

Dr. Woo said, in part:—

I was away from Hongkong for only 2½ months, but in this time was able to spend nearly one month in England, a week each in Scotland, France and Switzerland and ten days in America, during which I visited both the New York and San Francisco Fairs.

One stop of special interest was when we alighted on the sea of Galilee, where we lunched at a modern hotel. When flying over Palestine, the flight steward pointed out the new model villages built by Jewish refugees, and the cities of Haifa, Nazareth and Jerusalem.

UNUSUAL EXPERIENCES

We had a most unusual experience flying over France from Marseilles to Southampton. We went up to an altitude of more than 16,000 feet, where the temperature outside was 10 degrees below zero. Although we had the radiators turned on, I still felt cold, even with a warm overcoat and three blankets wrapped round me.

In London one of my most interesting experiences was a visit to the House of Commons. I always had a keen desire to hear Mr. Winston Churchill speak. What impressed me most was Mr. Churchill's speech. His eloquence, humour and wit drew repeated cheers and laughter every few minutes.

In the midst of all the heated argument, I saw Mr. Chamberlain with his face smiling at times and looking up without a vestige of irritation. A great example of how the Government of a great democracy is conducted.

SYMPATHY FOR CHINA

Wherever I went in England, I found the greatest sympathy for the Chinese people from the general public, who were bitterly opposed to the aggression to which the country is being subjected.

As an example of this attitude I found one widow of moderate means, spending all her time on behalf of China War Relief. Much money and medical supplies were sent away through her great efforts. On learning further of the tremendous needs still existing in China she immediately sent along a cheque for £10 and later another for £9.

This was only one of many instances of self sacrifice of British women working for China. I was told of another who gave up her savings and sent the money to China Relief Organisations, and another who gave up her summer holiday in order to help Chinese war orphans.

THE WORLD FAIR

The highlight of my New York visit was, of course, the World Fair, and of this perhaps the interesting exhibit was the General Mothers' "The World of Tomorrow." This was so popular that it was not unusual to have to wait in a queue, wet or fine, from two to four hours before gaining admission.

As soon as you get inside you are taken for a ride on a miniature railway round about the various scenes depicting the model towns, cities, villages and roads of tomorrow, with model cars running at an average speed of 100 miles per hour.

Now for the night trip, across America by the United Air Lines. We left New York after a high tea and were in San Francisco

some 3,000 miles away in time for breakfast, after sleeping with all the comfort of a pullman car.

JADE PAGODA

At San Francisco, of course, the chief attraction was the Golden Gate International Exposition. Although it was more artistic. There I saw the beautiful Chinese Jade Pagoda, which I understand is priceless.

From San Francisco the 74-passenger Honolulu Clipper soon winged her way to Honolulu, where I had a delightful day and night with a most enjoyable swim on Waikiki beach. On again, we were soon circling over the little atoll, set in the middle of the ocean, that is Midway Island with its famous Gooney Birds. From the lovely lagoon at Midway the Clipper took off for Wake Island, a tiny pin point on the Pacific, 5,000 miles from the American coastline.

A fourth day out from San Francisco took us to Guam, a picturesque island, once for centuries an important way station on the route of the Spanish galleon. It was claimed by Magellan four hundred years ago. Here I found American officials very particular about passports as it is being strongly fortified.

BACK HOME

One more stop at Manila, and then five more enjoyable flying hours one is home again after 75 eventful days abroad. I may not have broken Howard Hughes' amazing record of circling the globe in 3½ days, but my experience has convinced me of the advantages of air travel when one has only limited time. Travel fatigue is reduced to the minimum.

In conclusion I would like to add a special word of praise for the very excellent service, comfort and efficiency of all the Air Lines on which it was my privilege to travel. But I am afraid they have spoiled me. They have made me so very air-minded that it's going to be hard to stay in one place.

SPEAKER THANKED

Rotarian, Lt. Com. A. D. S. Murray, thanked Dr. Woo for his enthralling talk. He had great pleasure in being given the honour of doing so, particularly as Dr. Woo had referred to his (Imperial Airways) and other air lines.

Although Dr. Woo had taken 12 days, it was now possible to do the round world trip entirely by air in 14 days.

There was only one, visiting Rotarian, namely, Mr. N. S. K. Tsui, of Hankow. The following guests of members were present: Messrs. Andresen, Hosper, G. E. R. Diveth, F. C. Young and Max Mallin.

ARMED GANG AND POLICE IN GUN DUEL

A gun duel between four robbers and the police took place at 3.15 a.m. yesterday at Lul Pok Gap near Sheung Shui district, New Territories. No less than 60 shots were fired by the police, whilst the robbers replied with about 25. There were no casualties.

At 2.40 a.m. a gang of four men raided four houses and robbed the occupants of money and property to the total value of \$80.

DETECTIVE OPENS FIRE

The robbers, who were armed with revolvers and a rifle, encountered a Detective-Sergeant C304 So Hung, who fired six shots at the men. The detective then rushed to Sheung Shui Police Station to report the incident.

Later, at 3.15 a.m., an Indian patrol of four men, who had been sent to Lo Wu to ambush them, met the gang walking towards them. On being challenged the gang fired at the policemen, who returned the fire. The robbers made good their escape.

MR. FRANCIS B. SAYRE DUE HERE TO-DAY

RADIO WELCOME FROM MANILA

The Hon. Francis B. Sayre, United States High Commissioner to the Philippine Islands, arrives in Hongkong this morning en route to Manila from San Francisco.

Mr. Sayre will be met on board by Mr. A. E. Southard, Consul-General of the United States in Hongkong who will entertain him during the afternoon. Later in the day the High Commissioner and Mrs. Sayre will be the guests of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and Lady Northcote to dinner at Government House.

The visit in the Colony of Mr. Sayre and his party will be very short, their steamer calling for less than 24 hours. Late on Thursday afternoon the American representative will embark on the American liner for Manila.

RADIO WELCOME

In the evening on board the steamer, Mr. Sayre will receive via radio a welcome from Manila. Through the courtesy of Mr. E. H. Silen, Manager of Radio Station KZRH Manila, greetings will be extended to the new American representative from Mr. Rafael R. Alunan, a well-known Philippine Government official and several other prominent business officials of Manila. The programme will be broadcast between 7 and 7.30 p.m., 6100 and 1200 kilocycles.

Mr. Sayre will hear the welcome from special loud speakers installed aboard the steamer; however, he is not expected to return the compliment until he reaches Manila where extensive preparations for his arrival have been made.

New Crown Prosecutor

MR. T. J. GOULD

To-day's Criminal Sessions

One of the youngest personalities in local law circles will make his first appearance in the Supreme Court during the current Criminal Sessions, which commence to-day, when Mr. Trevor Jack Gould, Assistant Crown Solicitor, will prosecute for the Crown in nine cases on the calendar, including the case in which Pang Yin-wai, a 'kit-fat' wife, is charged with the murder of her husband's concubine.

HIS CAREER

Born in 1906 in New Zealand, Mr. Gould was admitted to practice as a barrister at Oakland, N.Z., in February 1928. He maintained his practice both in New Zealand and in Fiji until he joined the Hongkong Government last year.

Since his arrival in the Colony, Mr. Gould has undertaken the duties of Acting Assistant Land Officer and Deputy Registrar of Marriages, and as Assistant Crown Solicitor, has conducted a few cases in the Lower Courts.

LOCAL BARRISTER

In the murder case, which will be heard on Monday, October 23, the defence will be in the hands of another young local barrister, Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, who is being instructed by Messrs. Johnston, Stokes and Master.

The other murder case, during the current Sessions, in which a prisoner named Man Shui is charged with killing Chan Shek-lam, a fellow-convict, will be heard on the coming Monday, when Mr. John Wyatt, Crown Counsel, will prosecute, and Mr. Lo Tung-lan, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, will defend.

REFUGEES IN THE COLONY

There was a decrease of only 47 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in the Colony, in Government camps, etc., in Urban and Rural Areas for the week ending Oct. 14.

Urban Areas (Civilians) on Oct. 7:—King's Park 1,300 against 1,294; Ma Tau Chung 1,097 against 1,091; North Point 1,505 against 1,430.

Urban Areas (Soldiers) on Oct. 7:—In Hospital 10 against 11; Ma Tau Chung 743 against 745.

Rural Areas on Oct. 7:—Kam Tin 1,635 against 1,630; San Uk Ling 805 against 809; Gills Cutting 479 against 555. Total 7,874 against 7,921.

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ALL GERMANY'S MIGHT MAY BE STAKED IN EFFORT TO BREAK THROUGH FRENCH MAGINOT LINE REGARDLESS OF COST

French & British Prepared For All Eventualities

PARIS, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—The German Western Front artillery has been silent, as if afraid to reveal itself and drawing counter-fire. The constant rumbling of engines suggests that tanks are massing for an attack.

The bulk of the preparations are on a front of from 65 to 75 miles between Moselle and the Forest of Haardt.

It is felt here that Herr Hitler may stake with all Germany's might in an effort to break through the Maginot Line regardless of the cost of lives.

Judging from previous German tactics, it is estimated that the attacks will come all along the Rhine-Moselle front, being most heavily pressed two or three points along level ground by masses of tanks supported by intense action by planes flying low and machine-gunning in order to prevent anti-aircraft action against the bombers who follow them.

FRENCH READY

The French have made all preparations for these eventualities. The German tanks must pass minefields and areas swept by fire, while German planes will be faced with a barrage of bullets and shells.

The British troops, according to "Excellisior," are also manning part of the Maginot Line on the Rhine Front and the Germans, if they attack that sector, will be up against 30,000 men of the British Army highly trained in the use of modern weapons and now trained in manning the complicated mechanism of the Maginot Line, which can face an adversary with a rain of fire and death through which neither man nor machine can pass.

These 30,000 troops are regarded here as forerunners of what the Germans will have to face. Before long thirty-two British divisions will be in France.

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—Observers point out that any German offensive to-day will mean a frightful slaughter of many troops without any hope of victory.

The Germans have now massed about 750,000 troops in the Rhineland. This may be a herald to an offensive along the banks of the Saar river.

At any time, an attack on the Maginot Line would involve a battle with tremendous losses. But to-day, the Germans would first have to fight against the concentrated advanced defenses which the French have set up in German territory. They would then have to face a strong and determined counter-attack by the allied mechanized forces. All this would come before they could even dream of attacking the Maginot Line itself.

HEARTY RESPONSE

Continued From Page 1

which only on Saturday also held a flag day and made a drive for funds in aid of wounded soldiers in China and they succeeded in getting nearly \$10,000.

"Now I like you, ladies and gentlemen, to remember that the Committee members of this association are composed of members of various sections of the community, American, English, Dutch, Italian and Chinese.

ALLEVIATED SUFFERINGS

"The British residents in Hongkong, men or women, young or old, have done much in the relief of distress among the Chinese in Hongkong and China. They must have saved an untold number of lives must have alleviated the sufferings of even a greater number of people. Now the valiant sailors and soldiers at present in Europe need comfort and I ask whether it is not our duty to do all we can to provide some of such comforts. You need not give me that answer, I know our duty is to do so. Owing to the war existing in China, we may not be able to do as much as we would, but we can at least do our best to show that we Chinese can never forget a good deed.

Sir Shouson Chow suggested that all guilds, associations, District Chamber of Commerce, etc., should be invited to undertake collections separately.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong, said that he was in sympathy with the object

Winter Offensive? Desperate Nazi Move

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—In the view of some circles, the German High Command may be "compelled" to launch a winter offensive. Reports from Paris state that there is great activity behind the German lines between Moselle and the Saar.

There was every sign on Sunday night that reinforcements were being brought up, including many tanks and armoured cars. As a result, the French artillery has been very active.

If the Germans do launch a major attack, the Allied Command is confident. A German offensive would be a desperate move, which would result in the loss of many German lives and much valuable material difficult to replace.

WAR COMMUNIQUE

PARIS, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—A War Communique issued yesterday states: "This morning on a front of about four miles, the Germans launched an attack, supported by artillery fire, immediately to the east of Moselle. They occupied the heights Schneberg, on which we had light observation posts, supported by land mines.

"Caught under our fire, the enemy attack came to a halt and they had to withdraw to the North of Apach, in which village they had momentarily penetrated.

"During the second week of October, the French Navy held up 25,000 tons of goods destined to Germany."

SECOND ATTACK

PARIS, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—A communique issued to-day states that the Germans launched a second attack yesterday afternoon over a front of 40 kilometres in the region to the east of the Saar. "Our light advanced troops fell back fighting in accordance with our mission but our fire held up the enemy on pre-arranged lines," concludes the communique.

HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE

PARIS, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—A communique states that heavy artillery fire supported the second German attack late yesterday afternoon on a 20-mile front to the east of the Saar.

In anticipation of it, the French Command a fortnight ago decided to withdraw to other positions.

The French divisions had taken the offensive with the object of indirectly assisting the Poles. After October 3, only light advance troops and supporting units had contact with the enemy.

These light advance troops yesterday fell back fighting in accordance with their plans. They then held back the enemy by heavy gunfire on a prearranged line.

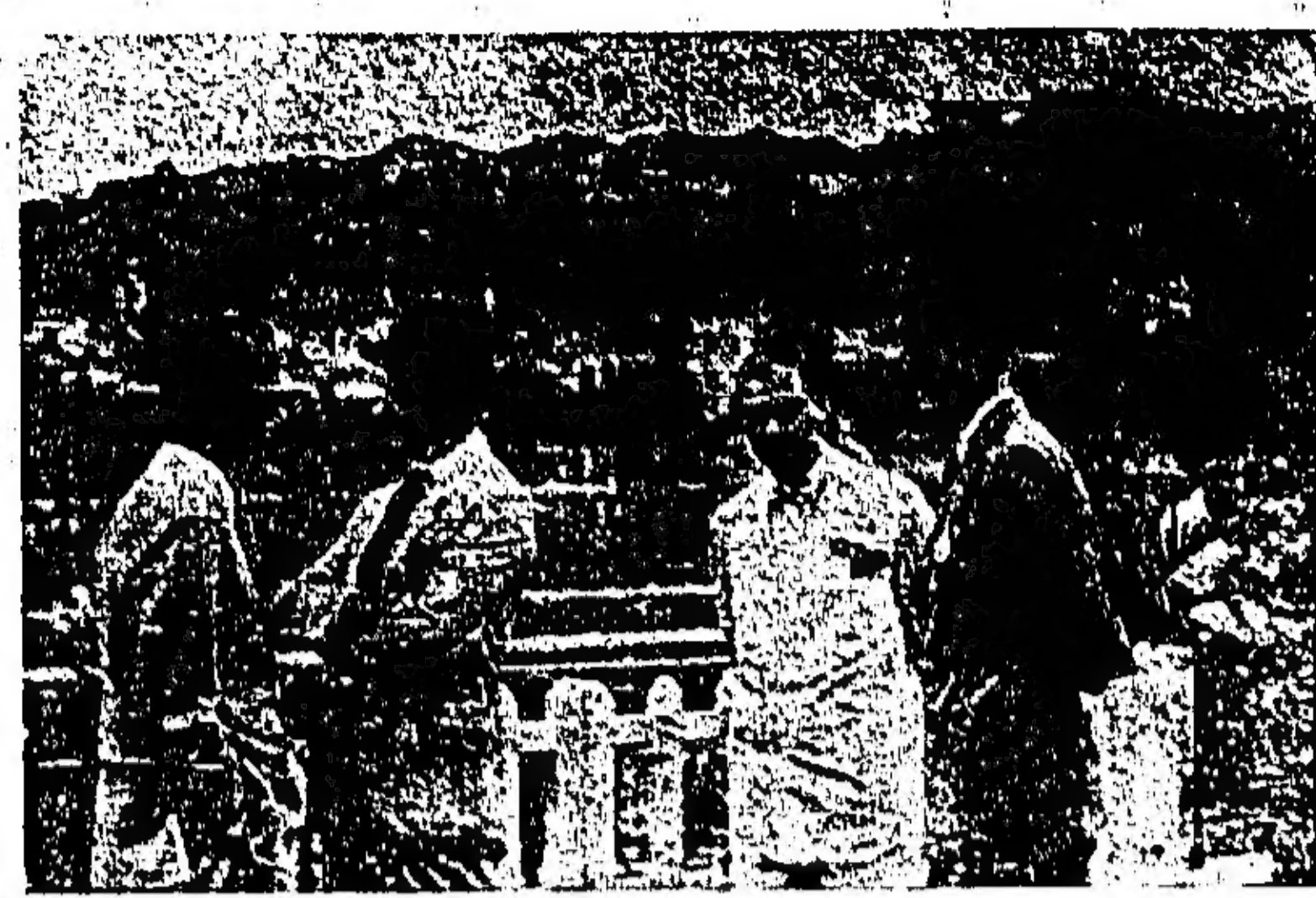
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REFUGES THANKFUL

Mr. S. C. Chen, a temporary resident in Hongkong, spoke on behalf of the refugees saying that all the temporary residents here were grateful for the splendid assistance which Britain had rendered to China and for the protection which they received in Hongkong. They would consider it a privilege to do all they could towards raising funds for this worthy cause.

Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau was elected Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. S. M. Church Hon. Secretary.

Among those present were Messrs. Cui Sai-chi, a representative of the Shanghai Bankers, Wong Hae-lai, To Yat-sun, Cheen Sun-chi, Lau Hong-sang, Tseng Theet-ye, Chung Ngok, Ngan Shing-kwan, Tang Shu-kin, Li Shing-kui, Phillip Gockekin, Ng Chak-wah, Percy Chen, M. H. Lo, Tam Min-yan, Ho Sai-wing, representatives of the Chinese Women's National Relief Association, Hongkong Branch of the Chinese Y. W. C. A., Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. Li Yau-tsun, Dr. S. W. Tao, Messrs. Ho Kam-thor, Ip Lan-chuen, Au-yeung Man, Yu Si-weng, Tseng Kar-po and many others.



His Excellency Admiral Sir Percy Noble, K.C.B., C.V.O., His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett, D.S.O., M.C., and Mr. D. F. Landale, photographed at the Eighth Extra Race meeting at the Valley.

COLOSSAL ACTIVITY IN BRITAIN

New Warships Being Built

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—Colossal is the only word to describe the activity in Britain's armament works and warship building yards, a tour of which was just completed by a Reuter's representative.

At one great steel works, where the world's latest equipment is working to produce all types of armament, 19,000 men and women are employed and the works are functioning for a 24-hour-day and a seven-day-week.

Despite the long hours, the workers' spirit is excellent and as a result of their enthusiasm, efficiency has increased and output risen. One factory alone has now an annual rate consumption for coal, electricity and gas equal to three times the peace-time rate.

STEEL PRODUCTION

Another big factory has developed a method of production of steel for shells promising a thousand per cent. increase in steel output. The Research Chief of one of the factories said he was confident Germany has no products superior to Britain.

At the shipyards, Reuter's correspondent saw what amounts to a new fleet under construction, as well as merchantships being fitted with protective devices, and trawlers being converted to minesweepers.

RUSSIAN ATTEMPTS TO FORTIFY HERSELF IN BALTIC AGAINST GERMANY

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—Germany and Soviet Russia will soon fight each other, in the opinion of Maurice Hindus, well-known American writer.

"The Russian moves in the Baltic, he says, are Russia's attempts to fortify herself thoroughly against Germany. Russia and Finland, he believes, will reach a peaceful settlement.

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—The reported demands by Soviet Russia upon Finland would, if granted, constitute complete Russian dominance in the North Baltic, which could only be directed against Germany. A military pact between Finland and Russia would mean a most unnatural alliance, as it is of no military value.

NAZI INVENTION

It is the custom of German propaganda to run a hare to the death and it can only be repeated that the German accusations that Britain supplied gas to Poland is a sheer invention. The Germans always seek to accuse others of an outrage before they themselves commit it.

When the sinkings of British and French merchant ships had diminished in the beginning of October, renewed outbreaks of U-Boat activity were expected to occur later, but with each outbreak the swing of the pendulum becomes smaller as the losses of submarines increase.

During the first months of the war, the sinkings of British ships were only a fraction of the

NO CREDIT TO WARRING NATIONS

NEUTRALITY BILL AMENDMENT IN U.S. SENATE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—The administration leaders in the Senate agreed to amend the Bill providing for the repeal of the arms embargo so as to prohibit all credit to the warring governments.

Senator Pittman proposed the amendment which will delete the provision for ninety day credits included in the present Bill.

MORE SUPPORT

As a result of Senator Pittman's move, the administration leaders count on gaining the support of a number of Senators favouring the repeal of the arms embargo, but desiring the "cash and carry" system for other exports, which will be stricter than that in the Bill. Meanwhile, Senator Bankhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives told a press conference that he was confident the House would pass the Neutrality Bill.

LORD MAYOR'S RED CROSS FUND

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—The Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund has now reached £406,000.

SEVERE TYPHOON HITS JAPANESE ISLANDS

TOKYO, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—A severe typhoon hit Okinawa Island, in the Loochoo Group of Islands between Formosa and Japan early yesterday. Scores of people are reported to have been injured, while the rice and sugarcane crops were destroyed. The typhoon is now heading for Kyushu, a southern island of Japan.

RUSSIA TURKEY & FINLAND

What May Result From Parleys

DARDANELLES TO BE CLOSED TO BELLIGERENTS ACCORDING TO THE ROME WIRELESS. THE FOLLOWING WILL BE THE RESULT OF THE SOVIET-TURKISH TALKS:

- (1)—Russia and Turkey to pledge themselves not to support any act of aggression against each other;
- (2)—Turkey to close the Dardanelles to belligerent warships;
- (3)—Russia to give assurances that she has no aggressive intentions towards Rumania.

There is no confirmation of these reports from other sources.

TALKS RESUME

BERLIN, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—Bey Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, was received by M. Molotov at the Kremlin at 4 p.m., states a German News Agency message from Moscow and adds that the Russo-Turkish negotiations have thus been resumed. A later message stated that Bey Sarajoglu is expected to remain in Moscow for another three or four days.

CHINESE FLOCK TO INDO-CHINA

KUNMING, Oct. 17 (Int'l).—The number of Chinese residents in Indo-China has been increased from about 300,000 to 423,000 since the past fourteen months. Halphong shares the largest quota, all hotels and boarding houses being full to capacity limit.

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Nazi Planes Raid British Ships Off Scotland

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—A Communique issued by the Admiralty, the Air Ministry for Home Security states that about a dozen German machines participated in the bombing raids on ships lying in the Firth of Forth yesterday afternoon, but that no serious damage done to any ships.

A bomb glanced off the cruiser Southampton, causing slight damage near the bow, and sank an empty Admiralty's barge pinnace.

There were three casualties on the Southampton, seven on board the cruiser Edinburgh and 25 on board the destroyer Mohawk from splinters.

At least four bombers were brought down.

Two German airmen were rescued by a destroyer and one died.

There were no civilian and no Air Force casualties.

The raid was preceded in the morning by several German aircraft reconnoitring over Rosyth.

FRUITLESS RAID

The daring daylight German air raid on Scottish coast objectives yesterday afternoon resulted fruitlessly for the raiders, one of which is reported to have been brought down in Fifehire and another in the Firth of Forth, while the remainder were driven across the North Sea by British fighters.

Splinters from anti-aircraft shells fell in numerous Fife towns, and it is understood that no bombs dropped on land, though some, it is believed, fell in the water.

It was officially announced that there was no material damage.

EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS

Eye-witness accounts of the shooting down of a German bomber in the Firth of Forth said were given by the crew of a fishing boat, which rescued three out of four of the bomber.

"We saw a large black plane pursued by two British fighters, who made rings round it, firing into its tail. It suddenly heeled over and struck the water sinking after a short time."

"When we came up, three of the crew were clinging to a life-belt. Then another German plane swept low over it, but made off with our fighters after it."

POLES STILL RESISTING

REGULAR TROOPS FIGHTING NAZI AND RUSSIANS

PARIS, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—Polish regular troops are still resisting the German and Russian forces, according to information reaching the Polish Embassy.

It is stated that fighting is still proceeding against the Germans in the region of Suwalki, near the Lithuanian frontier and the Carpathians, while the Russians are being opposed in the Polesie Marshes and the thickly wooded Mount Bialowieza.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE PROBABLES

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—Probable starters and jockeys for the Cambridgeshire are as follows: Class One.—Floretti (Tucker), Caerlepton (Carslake), Romeo Second (Brethes), Olein (Lowrey), Portobello (Beasley), Zaimis (Harry Wragg), Bold Devil (Rickaby), Fair Chance (Simpson), Good Fare (Siretti), Edgehill (Stephenson), Rogerstone Castle (Newett), Vesperian (D. Smith), Wonerah (Weston), Domaha (Gordon Richards), Meadow (Beary), Hotburn Second (Gammy Wragg), Zaitor (Burns), Time Step (Rutledge), Noble Turk (Young), Gyroscop (Mullins), Titan (E. Smith), His Highness (Maher), Impress (Lacey), Galsonia or Pearl Rock (Clifford Richards), Sansalvo,

TWO OFFICERS AND FIFTEEN MEN KILLED

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—It was announced yesterday that two naval officers and thirteen men were killed in the raid by German planes on ships in the Firth of Forth. Twelve were seriously injured.

It is officially announced that the casualties in the Scottish air-raid include Cdr. R. F. Jolly, commander of the Mohawk and twelve naval ratings who were seriously wounded. One civilian was wounded by a stray machine-gun bullet.

[Commander Jolly was appointed to the Mohawk on July 12, 1938. The Mohawk, which is a 1,870-ton destroyer of the Tribal class, was commissioned at Portsmouth in September last year.]

ANTI-BRITISH MOVEMENT IN PEIPING

PEIPING, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—At a recent meeting in Tientsin the "Anti-British Communism Preventing Association for Shantung" decided to summon all Christians having connexion with Britons to urge them to sever their relations with the British missions and to start missions by themselves, states a Chinese daily.

Shops have been warned to have no further dealings in British goods. Should they be found doing so they will be fined twice the selling price of their British goods in stock.

Families and business concerns must prepare their own anti-British slogans and have them plastered on their main doors.

GENEROUS ACTION BY OWNERS OF ATHENIA

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—The Donaldson Atlantic Line, owners of the ill-fated Athenia, have sent £25,000 to Mr. Joseph Kennedy, U. S. Ambassador in London, as a contribution towards the cost of taking home the American survivors.

The Athenia was sunk by a Nazi U-Boat just after the war broke out. Out of the Athenia's 369 American passengers, 29 lost their lives.

Mr. Kennedy yesterday praised the company's action very highly and also praised the assistance given by the people of Galway and Glasgow, where the survivors were landed, and the British Government.

KING CAROL'S BIRTHDAY

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King sent a message of congratulations yesterday to King Carol of Rumania on his 48th birthday.

Bountiful, The Beak, Davy Dolittle, and April Leason (no jockey), Porto Bello is a doubtful starter.

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CRICKET NOTES

ARTHUR PERRY'S FINE
"CAPTAIN'S KNOCK"Kitchell Also Comes Off
With Another Big Score

BY E. U. ROPES

Some interesting cricket matches were played over the week-end, the highlight of which was the fine captain's innings by A. E. Perry, who knocked up a brilliant 90 to enable the Civil Service Cricket Club to score a well-deserved victory over the Cricket Club at Chater Road.

The Club were without the two young Peaces though the "senior member" of this well-known cricketing family, Tam Pearce, made one of his now all-too-rare appearances and batted with all his old-time skill and polish for as pretty a 27 runs as could be desired.

Dr. Lindsay Ride was originally down to lead the Club but he was unavoidably prevented from turning out, and Eric Mitchell captained the team.

Taking first lease of the wicket the Club declared at 158 for 8, which seemed a safe enough total. In view of the fact that the Civil Service batting on paper, was far from strong. G. E. R. Dyett made 78 runs in a forceful innings and was out trying to get a quick hundred, but T. E. Pearce played the best innings for the Club. He still has some very pretty shots and though he is perhaps the oldest cricketer in Hongkong to-day, some of the younger blood would do well to watch him at the nets. They are bound to pick up a few points in the art of batsmanship.

PERRY'S EFFORT

When the Civil Service went in to bat, Perry must have felt that there were only one or two men in the side capable of making any runs. He, therefore, very rightly went out to get them himself and how far he succeeded may be gauged from the fact that the Civil Servants won by the comfortable margin of six wickets, with Perry (90) as the highest scorer.

F. E. Lawrence, formerly of the Kowloon Cricket Club, made a return to the C.S.C.C. team but I doubt very much whether he will get many runs in First Division cricket though he should be a tower of strength in junior cricket.

The most refreshing part about cricket at the Civil Service Cricket Club this year is the fact that they have any number of young blood playing for them. In a year or two these recruits should develop into really useful men and perhaps then the C.S.C.C. will once again

be amongst the leading cricket camps here.

KITCHELL AGAIN

At Sookunpoo the Indians beat the Army by 30 runs, but only just, as there were less than two minutes to go when the last Army wicket fell.

M. P. Madar made his debut as captain of the I.R.C. 1st XI but I gathered after the match that he was only "acting" in the absence of A. R. Minu. Anyway I thought he handled his team very well and he should make an ideal leader of the Indians who are a difficult team to handle by reason of the fact that everybody "in the side" appears to be a change bowler, there is a dearth of run getters.

As I predicted in my notes last Saturday, A. B. Kitchell, after his century in the intra-club match on the Double Tenth, came off with another big innings—57 not out. He appeared well on his way to his second century of the season when the closure was applied. M. P. Madar made a useful 30, also not out, the "care of captaincy" apparently not having any effect on his batting.

PRETTY DRIVING

When Capt. Godby got going for the Army, it looked at one stage that they would get the runs, but he could not find anybody to stay with him and the side just failed to force a draw. Godby played very pretty cricket, his driving past cover being a treat to watch. Lieut.



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Weedon made 23, his knock including three fours and a beautiful six off A. H. Madar who took 6 for 44 in 14 overs.

In the only other First Division game, Hecelo were held to a draw by the Royal Air Force but as I was not at this match I cannot comment on it.

KOWLOON JUNIORS

If the Kowloon Cricket Club juniors will be represented in the League by the same 11 men who turned out for them last Saturday, I cannot see any other team beat-

ing them. Although the League itself does not start till January, I boldly predict Second Division honours for this team for season 1939-1940.

They are a very powerful batting side, such men as B. D. Lay, W. Mulcahy, F. J. Lay, R. Broadbridge being available. As for the bowling Bertram Lay and Rupert Baldwin appear to have run into mid-season form already.

THE UNIVERSITY
The University beat the Police

by eight wickets at Happy Valley and if the form they showed last Saturday is a true indication of the standard of cricket at the University at present, then all I have to say is that it was a great pity that their application for permission to play in the First Division was turned down at the recent meeting of the Cricket League.

R. Singh and W. Gegg appear to be two very useful bowlers while Sen Gupta, who is better known on the hockey field, also appears to be a useful man with the bat.

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RELATIVE POSITIONS OF WORLD IN COPPER OUTPUT CHANGE

There has been a definite change in the relative positions of the United States and the rest of the world in productive capacity since the world war of 1914-18. Since that time the productive capacity of the world has been doubled and the estimated capacity for mine output now is around 3,340,000 short tons as compared with a peak output of 1,580,475 tons for the entire world in 1917. All this gain has been the result of the bringing into production large low cost mines in foreign countries, principally, Chile, Africa and Canada.

In 1917 production of 981,016 tons of copper by mines in the United States comprised 60.3 per cent of the world output. On the basis of an estimated capacity of around 1,100,000 tons for America at the present time, the ratio of U. S. output has fallen to roughly 33 per cent of world capacity.

However, it is roughly estimated that total capacity of mines in the United States plus the productive capacity of large American owned mines located in foreign countries is now equal to around 54.67 per cent of the estimated maximum world copper mine output. This compared with a relationship of about 75 per cent to world output in 1917.

SELF-CONTAINED

As a result of several major copper mine discoveries in Rhodesia and Canada during the past ten years, Great Britain has become self-contained in this respect and it is the belief in the copper industry that the British Empire can produce sufficient copper to take care of its war needs.

Estimates place capacity production of the British Rhodesian copper belt at around 39,200 short tons per month, while Canadian output recently was at a top of around 27,000 tons per month.

Such output would be equal to about 794,400 short tons per annum, and combined with incomplete estimates for the rest of the British Empire an annual capacity of at least 931,000 short tons is indicated. On the same basis production from these sources in 1938 totalled 564,162 short tons. Of this latter total, Canada accounted for 280,200 tons and Rhodesia 277,382 tons.

ADDITIONAL CONTROL

Assuming a total capacity of at least 931,000 short tons for the British Empire, and an estimated total peak production of 1,826,000 tons for the United States and American owned foreign mines there is an indicated control by these two countries of 2,757,006 short tons. This would leave about 583,000 short tons for the rest of the world, and in 1938 Russian output was placed at 108,000 tons, and Japan at 84,877.

While there has been no word received from the foreign copper cartel as to its intentions as to production for the future, it is believed in the trade that the declaration of war by Great Britain will result in removal of production restrictions.

H. K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Operators are content to remain on the side lines, and in consequence what few deals are put through are no real criterion of the true market. The market may be described as hesitant, though by no means panicky.

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GERMAN TRADE WITH YUGOSLAVIA

BERLIN, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—A German-Yugoslav Trade Protocol was signed in Belgrade yesterday.

On the German side measures will be taken to ensure, even under the present circumstances, payment for Yugoslav exports and the supply of German goods.

Development Of Sikang Proceeding

The development of the new Sikang province is proceeding smoothly, according to Mr. Y. M. Chen, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Communications, who returned from Chungking by plane on Saturday.

A number of experts, he said, have been sent to the province by the Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Education and the National Health Administration to help the Sikang Governor, General Liu Wen-hui, develop the natural resources, popularise education and provide the people with medical facilities.

In the meantime, he revealed, the development of South-west China is also being carried out. A South-west Industrial Association has been organised by Chinese industrialists to help the Government in the task. With headquarters in Chungking, this organisation now has branches in Kunning and Kweiyang while another branch at Kweilin is under formation.

question of mines operating under duress, in which case production might be increased to a marked degree by more selective mining, that is the mining of ore where the content is known to have a higher percentage of copper.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

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Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	TUESDAY 17 OCT.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
				Banks				
				H.K. Banks				\$1250
				Do. (Col. Reg.)				278
				Do. (Lon. Reg.)				274
				Chartered Bank				27
				Mercantile Bk. "A"				27
				Mercantile Bk. "C"				2108
				Bank of East Asia				272
				N. C. & S. Bank				50 cts.
				Insurance				
				Canton Insurance				\$300
				Union Insurance				\$1
				Underwriters				\$365
				H.K. Fire				\$170
				Shipping				
				Douglas				\$82
				Steamboats				\$15
				Indo-China (Frst.)				\$50
				Indo-China (Del.)				\$30
				Shells				\$57½
				Waterboats				\$8
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
				H.K. & K. Wharves				\$100
				Providentia (new)				\$4
				H.K. & W. Docks				\$18
				Do. (new)				\$108
				Shanghai Docks & New Engineering S. Mining				\$126
				Kailash				13/9
				Rauha				\$10
				Venezuela Gold Fide				\$4
				Hong Kong Mines and Lands, Hotels and Buildings				
				H.K. Hotels				\$44
				H.K. Lands				\$33
				Do. 4% Debentures				98½
				Shanghai Lands S.				\$4.30
				H.K. Realities				\$7.90
				Humphreys				\$100
				Chinese Estates				
				Cotton Mills				
				Ewo. (S.)				\$140
				S'hai Cottons (S.)				\$43
				Zong Sing (S.)				\$80
				Wing On Textiles (S.)				
				Public Utilities				
				Tramways				\$15.80
				Peak Tram (old)				\$7.40
				Peak Tram (new)				\$3.70
				Star Ferries				\$30
				Y. mati (new)				\$22½
				China Light				\$8
				China Light (New)				\$4.80
				China Light S.				\$4.80
				H.K. Electric				\$50
				Macao Electric				\$11½
				Sandakan Light				\$7.60
				Telephones (old)				\$20
				Telephones (new)				\$7½
				Traction				\$2½
				Traction (prel.)				
				Industrials				
				Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S.				\$14
				Cald. Macg. (Pref.) S.				\$18
				Canton Low				\$1
				Cementa				\$14½
				Ropes				\$4.50
				Miscellaneous				
				Dairy Farm (Old)				\$20.30
				Dairy Farm (New)				\$18½
				Ch. Estate				\$6.60
				Constructions (old)				\$1.55
				Constructions (new)				\$1
				Lao Crawford				\$7½
				Nanyang Tobacco				\$1.80
				Sincere				\$1.80
				Watsons				\$3
				Ch. Govt. 4% Bonds				\$100
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				H.K. Wing On				\$41
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Canton-K'loon Rly. 5%	9
Chinese 4½% Gold Loan, 1898 (Brit. Issue)	40
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	30
Chin. 4½% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	30
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	17½
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	25
Chinese 5% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	6
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan, 1908	43
Honan Rly. 5%	10
Hukwang Rly. 5%, 1911	11
Hukwang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	11
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	8
S'hai-N'king Rly. 5%	11
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Supd.)	9
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Supd.)	9
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Supd. Supl. Loan)	9
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Supd. Supl. Loan)	9
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907	32
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	37-1/2
Ger. 7% Int'l Loan, 1924	9
Chartered Bank	7
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	74
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	78
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	13/9
Chosen Corporation	5/8
Pekin Syndicate	—
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	10
S'hai Waterworks	10
Union Insurance	18
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15/7½
Allied Ironfounders	15/7½
Asso. & Elec. Industries	34/9
Anglin Motors, ord.	19/9
Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord.	49
B.-A. Tob. (bearer)	85/7½
Mercantile Bank	108
Cammell Laird, ord.	6/9
Mexican Eagle	5/4½
Courtaulds	27/9
Distillers	89/6
Dunlop Rubber	27/4½
Gen. Electric (England)	69
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	84
Hawker Siddley Air.	16
Bristol Aeroplane	17/7½
Imperial Chemical Ind.	28/9
Imperial Tobacco	115/7½
Marks & Sp'cer "A" ord.	50
Rolls Royce	93/9
Leyland Motors	88/3
Tate & Lyle	60
Turner & Newall	33/9
United Steel	23/1½
Smithwick Drop For.	14/6
Armstrong Stevens, ord.	5/3
Pressed Steel, com.	13/1½
Vickers, ord.	17/6
Woolworths	57/6
Anglo-Dutch	24/9
Rub. Plant. Invest. Trust	28/3
Burma Corporation	9

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Naval Losses Announced Promptly

FRENCH TRIBUTE TO BRITAIN

PARIS, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—A warm tribute to Britain for announcing promptly severe losses such as those of the Courageous and Royal Oak is paid by a writer in yesterday's newspaper "Le Jour."

The British, he points out, were the first to announce the loss of the Courageous and Royal Oak. The whole of France sympathises with her great Ally in her cruel distress at these losses, "which can only stiffen her will to win."

EIFFEL TOWER DONS KHAKI

PARIS, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—The famous Eiffel Tower is going into khaki during the next fortnight when 30,000 tons of khaki paint will be used in an attempt to make the famous tower less conspicuous.

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SOVIET ENVOY SEES LORD HALIFAX

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—M. Malsky, Soviet Ambassador in London, had an interview with Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, yesterday afternoon.

It is understood that the question of the resumption of Anglo-Soviet economic negotiations were touched upon.

WEATHER REPORT HONGKONG ROYAL OBSERVATORY

10 a.m., October 17.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.94 ins.
Temperature, 85 F.
Humidity, 58 per cent.
Wind Direction, S.E.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 1.
Temperature: maximum yesterday, 93 F.
Temperature: minimum last night, 77 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th to-day, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 81.48 ins.
Against an average of, 80.73 ins.
Sunset to-night, 5.57 p.m.
Sunrise to-morrow, 6.21 a.m.
4 p.m., Oct. 17.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.85 ins.
Temperature, 82 F.
Humidity, 64 per cent.
Wind Direction, E.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Maximum temperature, 89 F.
Minimum temperature, 77 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE From 18 to 24 Oct. 1939

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Days of Week	Date of Month	Height	Time
Wed	18	h.m.	h.m.
		14 55	07 06
Thur	19	14 55	17 43
		00 17	08 07
Fri	20	00 56	09 23
Sat	21	02 17	10 29
		15 52	21 17
Sun	22	03 55	11 25
		19 10	23 26
Mon	23	05 17	12 33
		19 33	13 09
Tues	24	06 25	13 40
		19 55	14 49

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SINKING OF 3 FRENCH SHIPS

LONDON, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—Further news of the sinking of three French ships has now been received. They were the Bretagne (10,000 tons), the Louisiana (7,000 tons) and the Minguet, a small craft.

British warships landed 400 survivors from the Bretagne and Louisiana. Fifteen lives have been lost, eight from shell fire.

Some of the survivors had to swim for two hours before being picked up.

Both ships were shelled. On the Louisiana, the first officer was killed and a seaman lost an eye.

The Bretagne was shelled while the lifeboats were being lowered. Women and children were injured by shell splinters and several lifeboats were smashed.

OTTAWA, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—The British Air Mission has arrived. A communique states that it is confidently hoped to devise plans for building up a combined Empire Air Force, which will play a decisive role in the war.

The New Zealand and Australia Missions are expected to arrive shortly.

Nazi Warship Sunk

NAVAL ATTACK OFF COAST OF NORWAY

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—A warship was seen firing on three others off Nordfjord, according to the "Aftenbladet." One ship was hit and observers saw, according to a spectator's report, clouds of smoke which ascended from it.

WARSHIP SUNK

OSLO, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—A report that a German warship was sunk comes from fishermen who state that three British warships and a British plane attacked a German warship in neutral waters, off the west coast of Norway on Saturday.

Shots were fired after which a column of smoke rose from the water and the British ships sailed away.

JAPANESE MISSION TO EUROPE & U.S.

TOKYO, Oct. 17 (Reuter).—The Japanese Cabinet has appointed Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, Chief of the Information Bureau of the Foreign Office, to the Special Mission to Europe and America.

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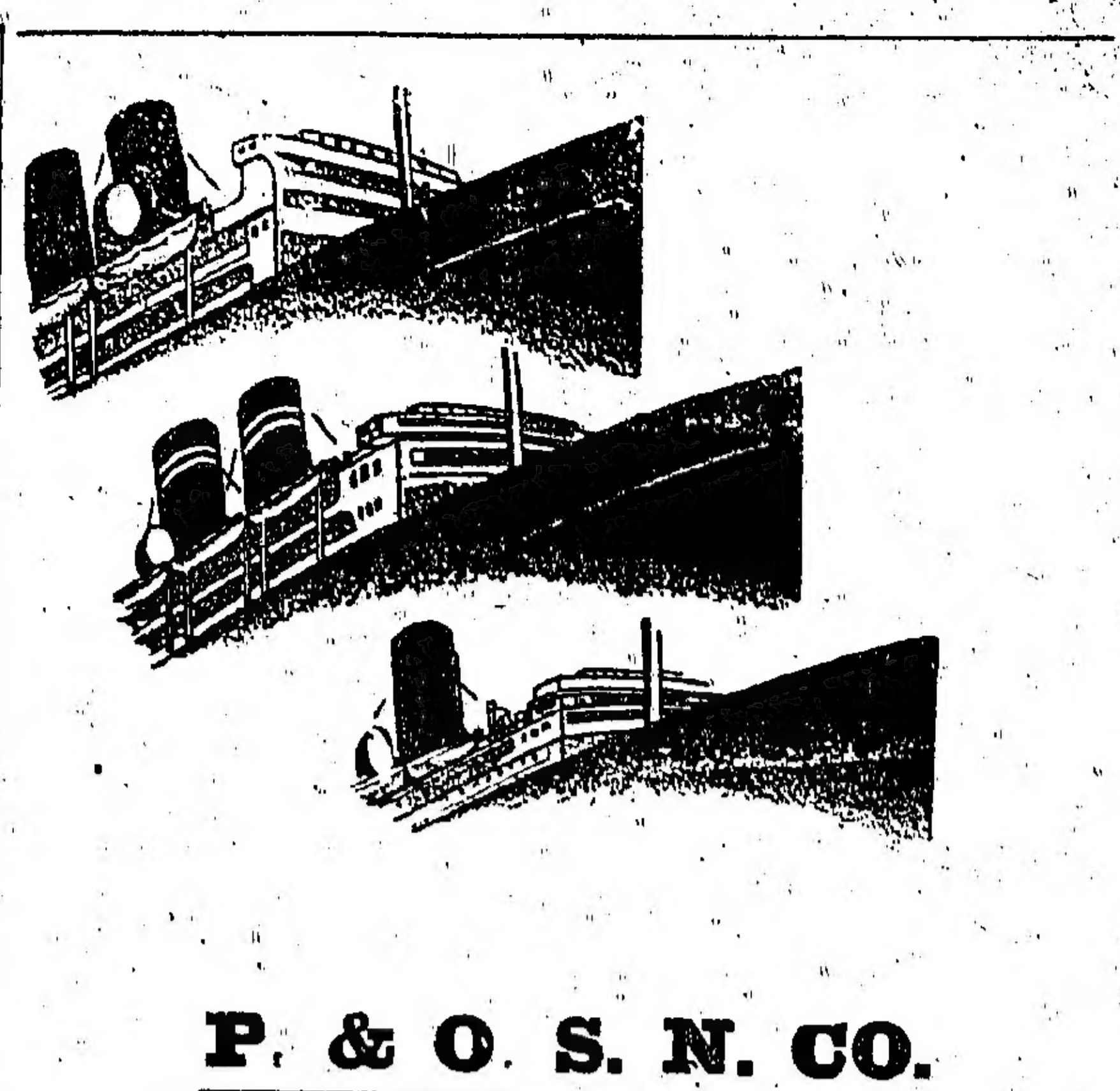
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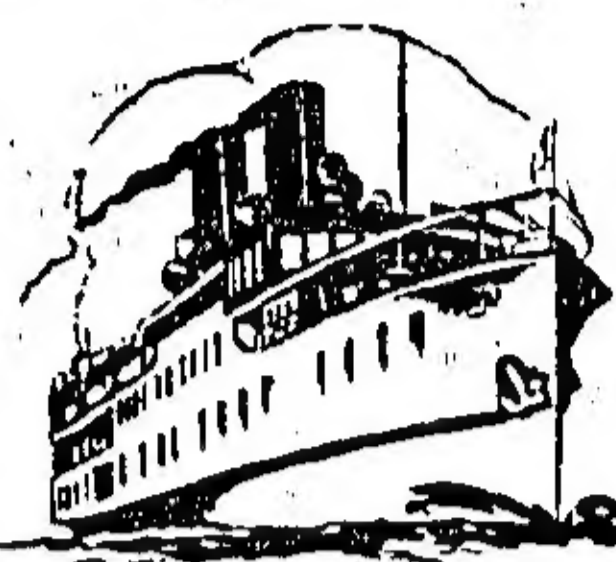
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SCOTSMEN WILL CELEBRATE NATIONAL DAY WITH CONCERT

No Ball Decision At Society's Meeting Dr. G. D. R. Black Chieftain

Celebration of St. Andrew's Day in the Colony this year will take the form of a concert at the King's Theatre and an informal after-theatre gathering in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel, instead of the customary formal ball. This was decided at the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Society yesterday.

In the absence of the Chieftain, Mr. W. Kay, and the Vice-President, Mr. J. Ralston, the chair was taken by Dr. G. D. R. Black, O.B.E., who was supported by Sir Athol MacGregor, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields and Mr. A. S. MacKichan (Past President), Mr. J. F. Macgregor, Mr. D. J. Gilmore, Dr. J. W. Anderson and Messrs. E. M. Bryden and D. S. Robb (Joint Hon. Secretaries).

Proposing the adoption of the report and accounts for the past year, Dr. Black said that he thought members would all agree that the financial position of the Society could be considered satisfactory. Several applications for assistance were received during the year and were carefully considered, though the number of applications were fewer than in years before.

GREAT SUCCESS

It was generally agreed, he said, that the annual Ball in December last was a great success. They would long remember the speech made by the Colonial Secretary, who proposed "The Immortal Memory," and also the speeches by Mr. H. L. MacKenzie and Mr. J. Moodie.

The Committee deeply regretted the death during the year of two members, Messrs. R. F. Young and J. C. Dunbar.

Dr. Black stressed the duty of all Scots to join the Society, and said that it would greatly assist the Hon. Secretaries if members would notify them of any change of address or intended absence or leave.

He would like to congratulate Master M. M. Swan on winning the J. R. M. Smith Scholarship. The usual golf and lawn bowls matches were played against the St. George's Society during the year.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted after the Chairman's proposal was seconded by Mr. N. Garland.

OUT OF QUESTION

Discussion as to what form the annual celebration of St. Andrew's Day should take followed, the Chairman stating that it had been decided that a Ball at this time was definitely out of the question.

A suggestion that a supper dance should be held was put forward by one member, but the proposal of Mr. Shields to have a concert and a informal celebration afterwards was, after some discussion, adopted.

Sir Athol MacGregor suggested that they should try to raise as much money as possible for charity on the occasion, especially Scotch charities. He said that Sir Shouson Chow and his fellow directors of the King's Theatre had very generously agreed to let the Society have the use of the Theatre for one evening at the inclusive charge of \$400, which was as much as had to be sent to the film distributors, and had also undertaken to write to the latter to suggest a rebate for the Society.

With seats at \$5, \$3 and \$1, Sir Athol said he confidently looked forward to clearing a couple of thousand dollars for Scotch war charities.

As it would not be possible to secure the Pipers of the Royal Scots for the evening of November 30 owing to a Regimental celebration, members decided to leave it to the Committee to choose the best day for the concert.

NEW CHIEFTAIN

In view of the nature of the intended celebration, said Mr. Shields, and the foregoing by the Chieftain of the glory and honour attending his position at a Ball, the question had arisen as to whether a new Chieftain should be appointed. After consideration, he said, it was decided to approach Dr. Black, a Past-President, to see whether he would consent to serve during the coming year.

Proposed by Mr. Shields and seconded by Mr. MacKichan, Dr. Black was elected Chieftain amid great acclamation.

Proposed by Sir Athol MacGregor and seconded by Mr. D. J. Gilmore, Mr. J. F. Macgregor was elected Vice-President.

Mr. E. M. Bryden and Mr. J. Moodie were elected Joint Hon.

Army Rugby Fifteen Chosen For Season

FINE IMPROVEMENT SHOWN IN TRIAL

The Army Rugby football team for the new season which starts on Saturday, was chosen after the final trial at Sookunpoo last evening, and is as follows:—Lt. Otway, R. E.; Lt. Lomax 8/H R. A., Pte. Boe, 8/H R. A., L/C Waite, R. E. and L/C Smith, Seaforths; Lt. Douglas, R. S., and L/Sgt. Lang, R. A. O. C.; Pte. Berry, Middlesex Regt., Lt. Hewitt, Mids; L/Bdr. Evans, 5/A R. A., 2nd Lt. Pinkerton, R. S., Gnr. White, 5/H R. A., Capt. Duke, R. S., Lt. Ridsdale, Norfolk Regt., and Sgt. Page, Reserves—Spr. Artington, Sgt. Blackman and L/C Foley.

Play in the trial showed a marked improvement all-round in the play served up on the previous occasions, but again much sticking to the ball spoiled an otherwise good exhibition of rugby, and the Army shows promise of doing very well this season.

BRILLIANT TACKLING

Specially prominent in yesterday's play were Lt. Lomax, tackling brilliantly, Pte. Boe, swift as lightning, Lt. Douglas, Lt. Ridsdale, Sgt. Page and 2nd Lt. Pinkerton.

The team selected, with three exceptions, were the "Probables" against the "Possibles" in yesterday's trial which resulted in the Possibles being easily trounced by 31 points to nil. The score at half-time was 16 nil. There were some changes on both sides in the second half.

Dr. J. A. R. Selby refereed.

H.K. DEATH RATE FROM CHOLERA DYSENTERY AND TUBERCULOSIS

Eighty deaths from tuberculosis, out of a total of 142 cases, 15 deaths from dysentery, out of a total of 36 cases, 7 deaths from cholera, out of a total of 12 cases (one imported) and 8 deaths from enteric fever, out of a total of 14 cases, occurred in the Colony for the week ended Oct. 14, according to returns furnished by the Health Department.

Other returns include 2 deaths from diphtheria, out of a total of 9 cases, 2 deaths from cerebro-spinal fever, out of a total of 4 cases, one death from measles and one death from puerperal fever.

Thirty-eight cases of tuberculosis, nine cases of dysentery, two cases of cholera, two cases of enteric fever, one case of diphtheria and one case of puerperal fever were notified to the Health authorities on Oct. 18.

Owing to pressure on space Softball Notes are held over and will be published tomorrow.

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:

NORTHBOUND
Saturday: Bangkok, Hanoi, Hongkong.
Denebola—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND
Sunday: Hanoi, Bangkok.
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Air France:

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Wednesday: France, Hanoi, Hongkong.
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Service—6 a.m.

Pan American Airways:

EASTBOUND
Wednesday: U. S. A., Manila, Hongkong.
California Clipper—2 p.m.

WESTBOUND
Thursday: Manila, U. S. A.
California Clipper—8.30 a.m.

Note:—Imperial Airways' mid-week inward service to Hongkong from Bangkok connecting with the main Empire route will be delayed forty-eight hours because of a delay on the main route. The service is reported to be arriving at Kai Tak Saturday afternoon.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 18th OCTOBER, 1939, 9.30 A.M.

Owing to the uncertainty of Sea transport the public are requested to post Christmas Parcels early, preferable before the end of October.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Straits and Saigon	18th Oct.
Japan and Shanghai	18th Oct.
Japan and Shanghai	18th Oct.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 11th October	18th Oct.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 12th October	18th Oct.
Shanghai	18th Oct.
Manila	18th Oct.
Japan and Shanghai	18th Oct.
Haiphong	18th Oct.
Sandakan	18th Oct.
Haiphong and Pakhol	18th Oct.
Shanghai	18th Oct.
Haiphong, Pakhol, Holhow and Fort Bayard	18th Oct.
Shanghai	18th Oct.
Formosa	18th Oct.
Java and Manila	18th Oct.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 28th September)	18th Oct.
Australia and Manila	18th Oct.
Japan	18th Oct.
Straits	20th Oct.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane	20th Oct.
Manila	20th Oct.
Shanghai	20th Oct.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	20th Oct.
Straits	21st Oct.
Shanghai	21st Oct.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 14th October	22nd Oct.
Haiphong and Pakhol	22nd Oct.
Straits and Manila	22nd Oct.
Shanghai and Amoy	22nd Oct.
Japan and Shanghai	24th Oct.
Calcutta and Straits	24th Oct.
Straits	24th Oct.
Shanghai	24th Oct.
Japan	24th Oct.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., date, 4th October)	24th Oct.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 18th October	28th Oct.
U. S. A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 30th September)	28th Oct.
Manila	28th Oct.
Manila	28th Oct.
Calcutta and Saigon	27th Oct.
Japan	27th Oct.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 6th October)	28th Oct.
Japan and Shanghai	28th Oct.
Japan	29th Oct.
Shanghai	29th Oct.
Straits	30th Oct.
Japan	30th Oct.
Japan	31st Oct.

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For	Date and Time
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Canton	8.15 AM
Canton	10.30 AM
Shanghai	10.30 AM
Fort Bayard	2.30 PM
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 14th November	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 2.45 PM Ord. 3.30 PM
Straits and Calcutta	3.30 PM
Parcels only for Japan	5.00 PM
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Swatow	10.30 AM
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Haiphong	2.00 PM
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Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th November	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
SATURDAY	Sat, 21st
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Naples, 12th November	Reg. 1.45 PM Ord. 1.45 PM
Shanghai	3.30 PM
Amoy	3.30 PM
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Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—Due London, 29th October	5.00 PM

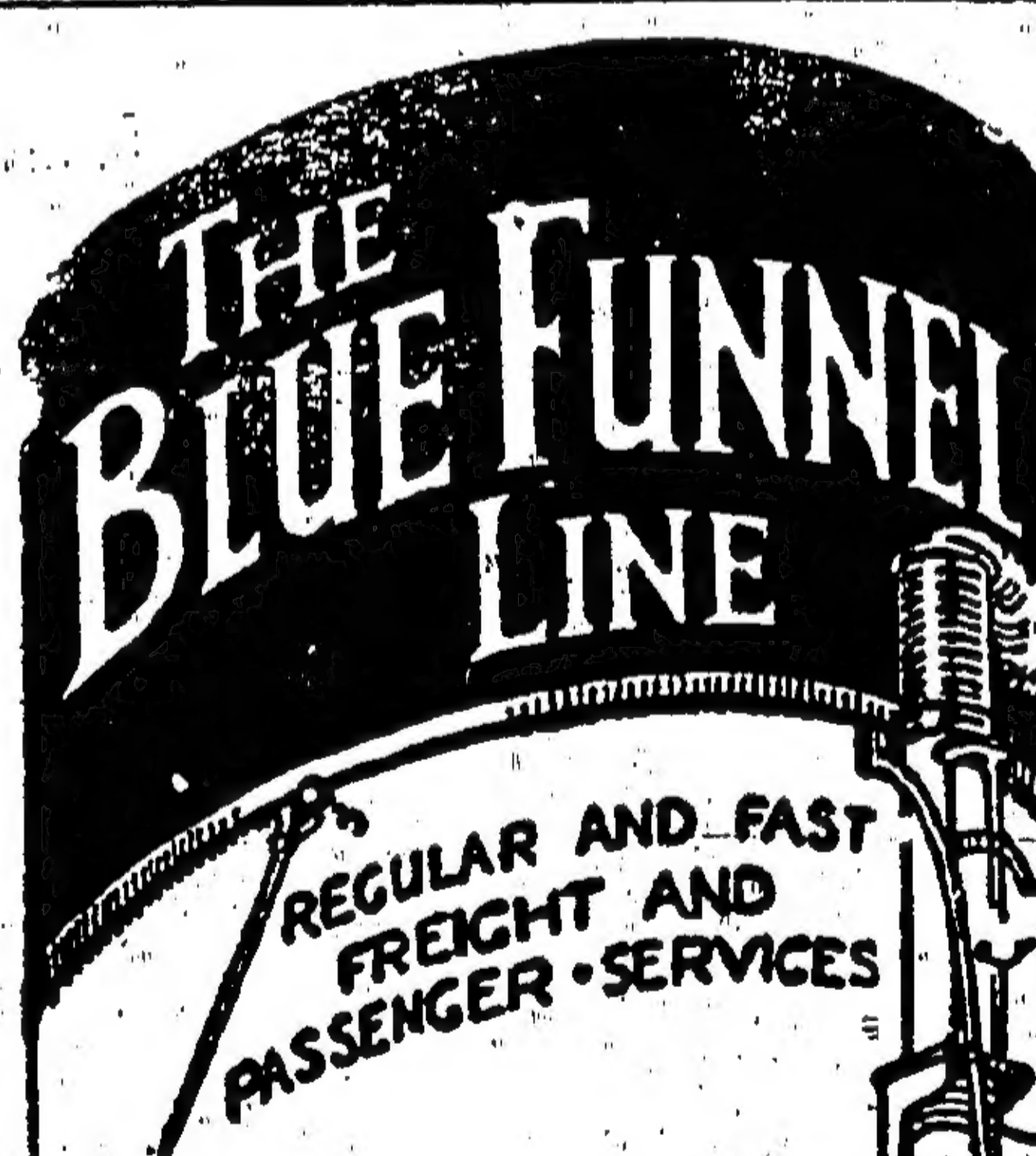
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Open Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament

The Hongkong Chinese Recreation Club will hold an Open Mixed Doubles Championship Tennis Tournament, subject to the approval of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association, under whose rules and regulations it will be conducted.

The first round will be played off on or before Nov. 5, and the other rounds, except the semi-finals, before Nov. 12. Competitors will make their own arrangements as to the ground on which these rounds are to be played, but the first named pair in each bracket will have the choice of grounds.

The semi-finals will be played on the C.R.C. courts on Nov. 19 and the final on the same courts on Nov. 26. Suitable prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners-up.

Entries, which are invited, will close on Oct. 21 and the draw, which may be seeded, will take place on Oct. 22 at 6.30 p.m.

SOLDIER FINED: ORDERED TO PAY COMPENSATION

A dispute in a Temple Street restaurant, at 1.20 a.m. yesterday, over the non-acceptance by the cashier of a chit signed by a service man, John Roberts, a corporal of the R.A.M.C., led to the appearance of the latter before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, at the Kowloon Court later in the morning on a charge of assaulting a Police Reservist Yan Kwong-yiu, 30, who was called in by the cashier to act as interpreter.

In imposing a fine of \$10 on the defendant, the Magistrate also ordered him to pay compensation of \$5 to the Police Reservist.

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few days ago. It directed heavy artillery fire at the town, forcing a great part of the Japanese there to retreat towards Kuchan and Chishan.

The Chinese west of Hengling-kwan, in South Shansi, launched an offensive on the Japanese to the north on Sunday morning. Simultaneously, another Chinese unit attacked the Japanese east of Wensi to threaten their rear. The Japanese were routed.

In South-East Shansi, a Japanese six-column drive towards Changyuanen, north-west of Tainhsien, has been beaten back by the Chinese.

The forthcoming marriage is announced by Mr. Lam Chung-kin, merchant, of No. 497 Queen's Road West, third floor, and (Miss) Kiu Sau-ling, of No. 131 Hennessy Road, third floor.